

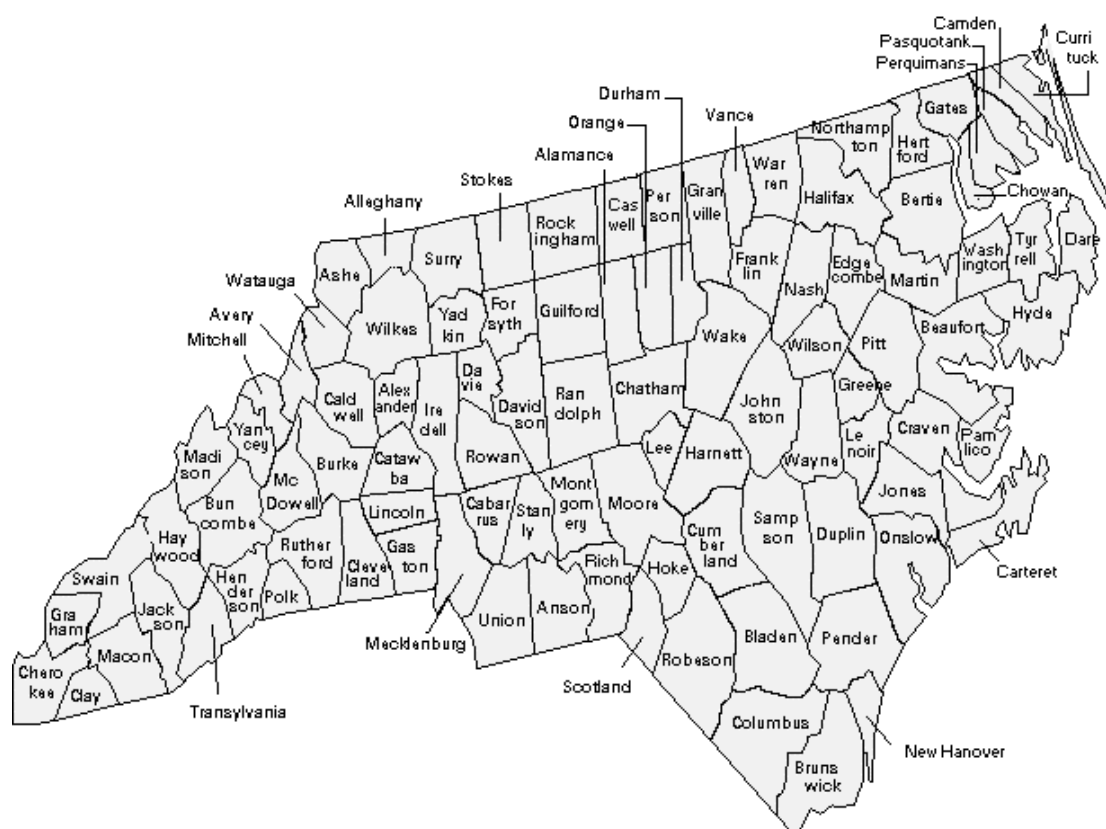
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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North Carolina

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 8,049,313
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 72.1% white; 21.6% black; 1.2% American Indian and Alaska Native; 1.4% Asian; 2.3% other; 1.3% two or more races; 4.7% Hispanic

Politics

- Governor: Michael F. Easley²
- Lt. Governor: Beverly Perdue³
- Secretary of State: Elaine F. Marshall⁴
- Attorney General: Roy A. Cooper III⁵
- U.S. House of Representatives (Districts 1-12, respectively): Eva M. Clayton; Bob Etheridge; Walter B. Jones; David E. Price; Richard Burr; Howard Coble; Mike McIntyre; Robin Hayes; Sue Wilkins Myrick; Cass Ballenger; Charles H. Taylor; Melvin L. Watt.⁶
- U.S. Senate: Jesse Helms (R); John Edwards (D)⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- FY 2001 Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees awarded funding by ONDCP in conjunction with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP):⁸
 - \$81,768 to ECARES Coalition, Fayetteville
 - \$45,066 to Montgomery Community Resource Team, West End
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹
 - Greenville: This area became officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site in May of 1997. The target area for this site is West Greenville.
 - New Bern: In December of 1996, New Bern was officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site. The Duffyfield Community and its surrounding areas serve as the target area for this site.
 - Raleigh SE: The Southeast section of Raleigh was recognized as a Weed and Seed site in February of 1999.
 - Additional Weed and Seed sites in North Carolina: Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Lumberton, Rockingham, and Winston-Salem.
- Drug Control and Substance Abuse Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission¹⁰

The mission of this committee is to encourage proactive and innovative programs and methodologies that reduce and discourage drug use and associated problems. Some priorities of this committee include:

 - The development of innovative law enforcement partnership programs
 - Providing comprehensive drug treatment programs for areas with under-served high-risk populations

- Providing funding for drug courts
- Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention (GOSAP)¹¹
The mission of this program is to promote substance abuse and addiction as health care issues. The goals of this commission are as follows:
 - Work with individuals and organizations to establish a link between substance abuse services and primary health care.
 - Establish an understanding in the minds of key State leaders of the relationship between substance abuse and other policy issues.
 - Expand outcome evaluation reform into the delivery of criminal justice substance abuse services as well as substance abuse services provided by area mental health programs.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime¹²

- In 2000, there were 728 arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in North Carolina. 55 of those arrested for murder were juveniles (under age 18).

Number of Arrests, North Carolina, 1999-00

Offense Category	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>	
	Juveniles	Adults	Juveniles	Adults
Murder/Non-negligent Mansl.	62	679	55	673
Manslaughter by Negligence	3	52	5	54
Forcible Rape	96	676	83	788
Robbery	688	3,406	639	3,532
Aggravated Assault	1,903	19,062	1,737	17,680
Burglary	3,469	11,854	3,510	12,391
Larceny-theft	9,672	32,927	9,408	32,316
Motor Vehicle Theft	670	1,738	785	1,900
Other Assaults	7,977	53,419	8,069	55,256
Arson	190	236	190	263

- There were 20,961 arrests for possession of marijuana in 2000.

Number of Drug Arrests, North Carolina, 1999-2000

Offense Category	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>	
	Juveniles	Adults	Juveniles	Adults
Sale/Mfg. Opium or Cocaine	332	4,240	267	3,614
Sale/Mfg. Marijuana	232	2,152	256	2,324
Sale/Mfg. Synthetic Narcotics	5	35	22	65
Sale/Mfg. Other Dangerous Drugs	27	196	33	328
Possession Opium or Cocaine	548	8,558	497	9,096
Possession Marijuana	2,962	17,382	3,002	17,959
Possession Synthetic Narcotics	16	154	66	403
Possession Other Dangerous Drugs	148	2,418	357	2,723

Enforcement¹³

- As of October 31, 2000, there were 26,998 full-time law enforcement employees in North Carolina. 17,252 of these employees were male officers.

Full-time Law Enforcement Employees, NC, 2000

	Male	Female
Officers	17,252	2,078
Civilians	3,163	4,505

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2000, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol seized 18,856 pounds of marijuana.¹⁴

Drug and Currency Seizures, NC State Highway Patrol, 1998-2000

	1998	1999	2000
Cocaine (grams)	17,209	19,427	6,091
Marijuana (grams)	590,382.5	35,704	18,856
Currency	\$1,062,521	\$1,594,457	\$126,808.81

- In 2000, there were 40,464 marijuana plants eradicated in North Carolina under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.¹⁵

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, NC, 2000

Number of Plants	
Outdoor Operations	
Plots Eradicated	469
Cultivated Plants Eradicated	38,031
Ditchweed Eradicated	0
Indoor Operations	
Grows Seized	62
Plants Eradicated	2,433
Total Plants Eradicated	40,464

Courts

- Drug Courts:¹⁶
 - As of August 8, 2001, there were 28 drug courts in North Carolina that were either already in operation or were being planned.
 - Nine of these drug courts have been in operation for over two years, eight were recently implemented, and eleven were being planned.
- During FY00, 46.6% of the Federally-sentenced offenders in North Carolina had been charged with a drug offense.¹⁷
- The majority (53.5%) of these Federal drug offenses involved crack cocaine, followed by powder cocaine (22.8%), marijuana (12.2%), methamphetamine (9.1%),

and heroin (0.8%). 1.7% of these Federal drug offenders had committed an offense involving a substance that does not fall within these categories.¹⁸

Corrections

- On September 30, 2001, there were 32,427 people in prison in North Carolina. 1,283 of these prisoners were under age 20.¹⁹
- 4,659 of the total incarcerated population had committed a drug offense. 153 of these drug offenders were under age 20.²⁰
- 1,493 had committed a drug trafficking offense, while the remainder had committed a non-trafficking offense.²¹

Number of Drug Offenders in Prison, by Age, North Carolina, September 30, 2001

Offense	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 +
Non-trafficking	138	1,345	979	569	135
Trafficking	20	655	491	226	101
Total	158	2,000	1,470	795	236

- During calendar year 2000, there were 8,563 admissions to juvenile detention facilities in North Carolina.²²
- There were also 879 admissions to North Carolina Youth Development Centers during this time.²³
- North Carolina's probation population totaled 112,246 on September 30, 2001. 22,115 of these probationers had committed a drug offense. 362 of these drug offenders committed a trafficking offense and the remainder committed a non-trafficking offense.²⁴
- The parole population at this time for North Carolina was 2,745. Of these parolees, 94 had committed a drug trafficking offense, and 436 had committed a non-trafficking offense.²⁵

Treatment

- The following are two examples of State treatment facilities found in North Carolina:²⁶
 - Julian F. Keith Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center (ADATC): This 80 bed residential treatment facility located in Black Mountain is designed to meet the needs of alcohol and other drug dependent residents in the western counties of North Carolina.
 - Walter B. Jones ADATC: This is a 76 bed, short-term residential treatment center found in Greenville. This facility serves 33 counties in the eastern region of the State and 5 counties in south central North Carolina. Studies conducted over the past few years have shown that 70% of this facility's clients are sober/drug-free six months after discharge.
- During 1998, there were 45,672 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in North Carolina.²⁷

Number and Percent of Clients Receiving Treatment, NC, 1998

Type of Treatment	Number	Percent
Alcohol only	16,449	36.0%
Alcohol with secondary drug	8,172	17.9
Heroin	1,453	3.2
Other opiates	558	1.2
Cocaine – smoked	8,396	18.4
Cocaine – other route	3,638	8.0
Marijuana/hashish	6,068	13.3
Methamphetamine	111	0.2
Other stimulants	24	0.1
Tranquilizers	153	0.3
Sedatives	99	0.2
Hallucinogens	44	0.1
PCP	6	--
Inhalants	28	0.1
Other/none specified	474	1.0

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² North Carolina Web site: <http://www.ncgov.com/html/basic/index.html>

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⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ U.S. House of Representatives Web site, Office of the Clerk: <http://clerkweb.house.gov/107/olm107.php3>

⁷ U.S. Senate Web site: <http://www.senate.gov>

⁸ Drug-Free Communities Web site: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcs/index.html>

⁹ Executive Office for Weed and Seed Web site, North Carolina section:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/eows/map/nc.htm>

¹⁰ Governor's Crime Commission, Drug Control and Substance Abuse Committee Web site:

<http://www.gcc.state.nc.us/dcsa.htm>

¹¹ North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Web site:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/sas/policy/goals.htm>

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<http://sbi2.jus.state.nc.us/crp/public/2000/2000.htm>

¹³ FBI, *Crime in the United States, 2000*, October 2001: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/00cius.htm>

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¹⁵ Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online*:

<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/>

¹⁶ OJP Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, *Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County*, August 8, 2001: <http://www.american.edu/spa/justice/publications/drgchart2k.pdf>

¹⁷ U.S. Sentencing Commission, Federal sentencing statistics, North Carolina section:

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²³ Ibid.

²⁴ North Carolina Department of Correction Web site: <http://www.doc.state.nc.us/>

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, State treatment facilities: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/statefac.htm>

²⁷ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Drug and Alcohol Services Information Service, Treatment Data by State, North Carolina: <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/webt/quicklink/NC98.htm>

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